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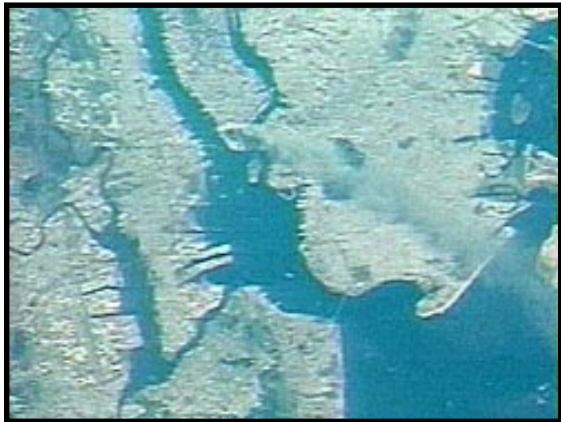
September 17, 2001

The NASA Family Responds to America's Tragedy

Daniel S. Goldin, NASA Administrator

Early Tuesday, September 11, America suffered an unspeakable and unimaginable tragedy. As we begin to comprehend the events of those hours, we can be proud that the strength of our Nation is reflected in its courageous acceptance of difficult challenges.

The President has calmly assured us that the Nation's resolve to preserve



A view of the billowing smoke from the World Trade Center as seen by the Space Station crew flying 250 miles above New York on Tuesday, Sept. 11.

freedom and justice is unwavering. You have demonstrated that the NASA team is capable of measured and professional responses when under stress. You calmly and patiently vacated facilities, and you have taken on the burden of helping others.

We have offered our assistance to other Federal Agencies in their rescue and recovery efforts, and the Associate Administrators and Center Directors have delivered; I deeply appreciate their support and their understanding that the Nation's critical assets must be protected.

During the coming days and weeks, it is imperative that we continue to remain vigilant. Each of you should continue

to be cognizant of the security needs of your installation.

While we are under heightened security, special steps must be taken to ensure that you remain safe. These actions may very well be discomfiting - from making it more difficult for visitors to enter facilities, to performing time-consuming vehicle searches. But these issues are a small price to pay for enhancing your safety and security, and protecting the assets of the Agency.

If there are additional measures that will prevent compromises to safety and security, you should talk to your supervisor. Consistent with guidance from the Administration, we are determined to return to normal operations as soon as possible.

While safety and security are paramount, I am also acutely aware of the potential for emotional trauma that results from exposure to stressful events. Should you need support during this time, counseling will be made available to you through the Employee Assistance Program. These services may be arranged in either individual or group sessions.

I trust that we will all work together as a NASA family to provide mutual support and caring as the aftermath of these tragedies continue to unfold. I am so very proud of the NASA family; thank you for your continuing commitment to reach for the stars.

For updated images from NASA's Terra Satellite visit: http://terra.nasa.gov/About/MODIS/about_modis.html

Goddard Team:

The tragic events of the last few days will no doubt touch each of us in a personal way. As a federal facility, we must consider how we assure the safety and security of all of our assets, from people to facilities; from instruments in design to orbiting spacecraft. I recognize that the recent guidelines are not easy. Immediate steps have been taken to enhance our security and with time we may be able to evolve into a less restrictive system. Until then, I expect every Goddard employee to abide by this guidance.

Goddard derives enormous strength from its diversity. Like our nation, we come from many different cultures, and from many different races, creeds and national origins. So while we do not share a common birthplace, we share a common homeland - we are all Americans. I am convinced that each and every member of our community will be treated with respect regardless of their heritage or religious affiliation.

We prove to ourselves and others, time after time, how we are able to unite in moments of crisis. This is a time for serious attention and we can once again unite to support each other. Because the crises we face as a nation may affect you as an individual in a profound manner, please consider contacting the Employee Assistance Program to help you through these very difficult times.

A.V. Diaz, Director

Operating Policies for NASA Wallops Flight Facility

The following security and operating policies are in effect until further notice at Wallops Flight Facility. There are no exceptions to these policies.

Access to the Facility

Employees with picture badges will be permitted on the Facility. A second picture ID such as a driver's license may be required. Badges must be displayed at all times. Employees with NO GSFC-issued picture badge, such as a temporary badge, will be required to bring additional picture identification for access to the Facility. Badges from other government agencies will not be honored. GSFC temporary badges or visitor badges are required. Unattended vehicles not in designated parking areas will be towed.

Visitors

Guests with no official business are discouraged from visiting. This includes family members and unofficial tours. Visitors with official business will be issued visitor badges. Visitors must comply with these conditions:

- Escort by a picture-badged employee
- Vehicle search
- No waivers will be considered
- Clearance for foreign visitors must be worked through Sherry Kleckner, x1204.

Deliveries

All non-bulk deliveries such as packages (FedEx, UPS, etc), with a WFF address will be delivered to the Cropper Center, which is outside the Wallops main base gate. The Cropper Center will be staffed and controlled by WFF logistics employees. Employees expecting an urgent official Government business delivery are asked to contact Receiving, x1427, for special delivery assistance. All non-official (personal) deliveries will be available for inspection and pick-up by the recipient at the Cropper Center from 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. Bulk deliveries will require inspection at the gate and escort if the delivery personnel do not have a GSFC badge and appropriate identification.

Other notes

Special events, including employee morale activities, are allowed under these conditions:

- The event is intended for GSFC badged employees.
- Attendance may include essential visitors, however, visitor rules apply. All participants must be badged.
- Offsite events sponsored by GSFC will require a security vulnerability assessment before approval.
- Visitors attending employee morale activities should be limited, for example, to immediate family members only.

No firearms are allowed on Center.

WEMA clubs are expected to abide by all the above guidelines.

**Recreational Use
of Wallops Island**

The north and south ends of Wallops Island are now open to permanently badged employees only. These areas were closed as part of our continuing cooperation with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to protect the piping plover.

Wallops Island provides good nesting and foraging habitat and is considered to be a prime pre-migratory staging area for piping plovers. In 2001, 23 nesting piping plover pairs produced 37 fledglings.

Wallops Island’s recreational use area is to the north and south of the launch areas. Pedestrian access points are the dune crossing east of the old helicopter pad and the dune crossing east of Camera Station 15.

Off-road-vehicles can gain access to the open area via the dirt road and dune crossing northeast of Camera Station 15. This crossing is clearly marked and is the only authorized access point for off-road-vehicles.

The recreational beach area may be used only during non-operational hours between sunrise and sunset. Non-operational hours are normally weekends and holidays and before 7:30 a.m. and after 4:30 p.m. on weekdays.

Launch activities may require additional closure of the recreational beach areas outside normal working hours.

On the Schedule

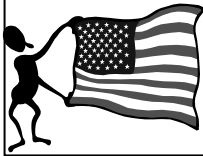
A Terrier-Lynx sounding rocket is currently on schedule for launch Sept. 27 from Kauai, Hawaii. The purpose of the mission is to provide a system loading/fleet warm-up round for the U.S. Navy in preparation for a high fidelity target round scheduled for a later launch. The principal investigator is John Winstead, Naval Air Warfare Center Weapons Division, White Sands Missile Range, N.M.

Two Nike-Orion sounding rockets carrying geospace science payloads are scheduled for nighttime launches from Wallops Island no earlier than Sept. 22. Dr. Charles Croskey, Penn State University, is the principal investigator.

Six NASA balloons ranging from 4 to 50 million cubic feet, carrying various science payloads are on schedule to be launched from Ft. Sumner, N.M. through the end of September.

**New Location and POC for
the Motor Pool**

The reserving and dispatching of motor pool vehicles will be accomplished under the Wallops Institutional Consolidated Contract. The office for the motor pool is now located adjacent to Building F-26 (Gas Station). Reservations for motor pool vehicles can be made by calling Herm Rawlings on x1587.



**Employee Supervisory
Feedback**

NASA Goddard Space Flight Center employees have an opportunity, September 17 to October 5, to voluntarily and anonymously complete a web-based tool that evaluates their supervisor in seven areas:

- Accountability
- Change Orientation
- Diversity
- Financial/Technical Management
- Human Resources Management
- Organizational Communication
- Teamwork

During the first year, the information will be used as a developmental tool for supervisors. In future years, the responses will be a factor in determining training and developmental needs, promotions, and awards.

The GSFC Supervisory Feedback System can be accessed at <http://this.gsfc.nasa.gov/survey/>.

Additional information about the Supervisory Feedback Process may be found on the OHR website under **Hot Topics** at <http://ohr.gsfc.nasa.gov/>.

For further information, you may also contact Performance Management Coordinator, Tina Reed, on x3729 or by email: Christina.Reed.1@gsfc.nasa.gov.

Mandatory IT Training

Information Technology Security (ITS) is a top priority for NASA. The Agency requires regular ITS training. Goddard Space Flight Center (GSFC) must meet the training goal by Sept. 30, 2001.

GSFC civil service and onsite contract employees are required to complete “ITS Training for 2001” on the SOLAR website or an equivalent ITS training course.

Civil service Branch Heads and above, in addition to government personnel responsible for signing IT System Security Plans, are required to complete “ITS Training for Managers” on the SOLAR website.

Systems Administrators (civil service only) are required to complete “Basic ITS for 2001” and either “UNIX Security” or “NT Security Training” on the website.

The site can be accessed at: <http://solar.msfc.nasa.gov>.

Mark your Calendar

Tailgate Sale
September 19
11:30 a.m. at the Flag Court

In the event of rain, the tailgate sale will be held in the Pavilion between F-10 and the softball fields.

Used Media and Jewelry Sale
September 26
Lunch Time
Bldg. E-2

Cassettes, Game and Video Tapes, CD’s, Advertising Collectibles, Books, Jewelry, Magazines, Matchbooks, Photographs, Post Cards, Posters, Signs, etc.

Pig Pickin’
September 28 at 6 p.m.
Social Time: 4:30-6 p.m.
At the Pavilion

With DJ Herm from the best oldies to the newest dance music

Tickets are available at the Exchange Store, x2020, and at the Rocket Club, x1454.

Register to Win Tickets

Wallops Exchange and Morale Association members may register at the Exchange Store, Building E-2, from Monday, September 17 to Friday, September 21 for a free drawing for two tickets to the Virginia State Fair. The drawing will be held at 1 p.m. on Friday. The State Fair is located at the Richmond Raceway Complex and runs September 27 through October 7. For more information visit: <http://www.statefair.com>

Tickets are still available for the Maryland Renaissance Festival, which runs on Saturday and Sunday, through October 21. Tickets are \$12 for adults and \$5.50 for children. For information on the Festival and a schedule of events, visit: <http://www.rennfest.com/mrf>

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